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FORMER ECTOR COUNTY JAILER SENTENCED TO 21 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 33-year-old Anthony Moya of Odessa, Texas, a former jailer who worked for the Ector County Sheriff's Department, will spend 21 months in federal prison for possession of an illegal sawed-off shotgun.

Appearing before United States District Judge Robert Junell late yesterday afternoon, Moya was sentenced to the 21-month prison term followed by three years of supervised release .

According to court documents, agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation searched Moya's residence in Midland on February 13, 2006, after they obtained a search warrant alleging Moya was involved in smuggling contraband into the Ector County jail. During the search, agents found the illegal sawed-off shotgun. Moya pleaded guilty to the charge on March 22, 2006.

"As a law enforcement officer Moya took an oath to uphold the law; instead, he broke it. No one is above the law in America," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Ector County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Glenn Roque-Jackson prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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